

THE KIRK NEWS

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Rev Anne Logan writes a weekly letter—if you'd like to receive this, please send your email request to admin@curriekirk.co.uk to register.

Calendar Overview

Church Services in Currie Kirk

OCTOBER

- 6 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway.
- 13 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Harvest Thanksgiving Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway. Donations for the Community Foodbank. Followed by a Congregational meeting to vote on Basis of Linking.
- 20 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Guild Rededication Service led by Rev Susan Galloway.
- 27 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Dr Anne T Logan. Formal Communion.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway.
- 10 Currie Kirk at 10.30. Remembrance Day Service led by Rev Susan Galloway.
- 17 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway.
- 24 Currie Kirk at 10.30 am. Worship led by Rev Susan Galloway. Followed by Informal Communion

1 December—Joint Advent Carol Service in Balerno, 10.00am —Rev Derek Munn.

Other dates to remember

October

- 1 Guild Meeting at 10 am—Operation Unicorn—Speaker: Tim Purves—GCH.
- 8 **Kirk Session meeting, 7pm. GCHall. To consider Basis of Linking.**
- 13 **Congregational meeting after Worship to vote on Basis of Linking.**
- 15 Guild Meeting at 2 pm—Down Memory Lane—Speaker Roy Johnstone—GCH.
- 17 **Congregational Presentations, 7pm, GCHall, followed by a vote on Interim Ministry.**
- 20 **Guild Rededication service—Currie Kirk at 10.30 am.**
- 20 **Harvest Thanksgiving Soup Lunch, GCHall, 12pm**
- 26 Guild Coffee Morning in aid of Project—10 am—12 Noon—GCHall.

November

- 5 Guild Meeting at 10 am—The Shetland Bus—Speaker: Kath Hay.
- 19 Guild Meeting at 2 pm—Tiphereth—Speaker: Sandy Walton.
- 30 **Christmas Fayre, 1—4pm. GCHalls.**

October and November Boys' Brigade Meetings (except school holiday week)

Anchor Boys and Junior Section—Gibson Craig Halls—6-7.30pm meet every Thursday
Company Section—Gibson Craig Halls 7.00—8.30pm—Games evening every Friday
Company Section—Gibson Craig Halls 6.30—8.30pm every Sunday



A Message from our Locum Minister Rev Susan Galloway

God Notices

I have two dogs, I love them very much, they give me something to care for, they give me company, they give me love. Every day I get up at the crack of dawn for the first of our daily walks, then it's time to feed them and see to their needs. Even though my dogs can't speak to me I know them so well that I can tell from their expression, their body language, their energy what they are thinking and feeling. I can tell by the look in their eye when they are about do something they know will not be popular, like raid the waste by the bins in the park or steal my slippers and run away with them. I know when they want to be fed, and when they are happy or scared, and I know how to respond to them and how to provide what they need.

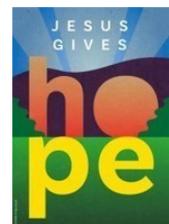
I often reflect on how amazing it is that God knows what we are thinking and feeling without us having to tell him. How he knows our needs and provides for them without us having to ask him. How he can send the solution to a problem sometimes even before we have prayed to him for help. He knows our body language; he hears our deep sighs, and he responds to us with love.

We may not always be noticing God, but God always notices us. He hears our groans, he hears our cries, and he sees our situation and even when we are not aware he is reaching out to each of us in love, to provide what we need.

I pray that the Lord will help us to see him moving and working in our lives and help us to notice the needs of those around us so he may work through us to help provide for those needs. I give thanks to the Lord for always seeing, hearing and knowing our pain even when we do not reach out to him in prayer. I thank God that he knows us better than we know ourselves and for loving each and every one of us even when it might appear that we have forgotten him.

Blessings Susan.

Rev Susan Galloway
Locum Minister, Currie Kirk
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Harvest Thanksgiving Soup Lunch **Sunday 20th October, 12.00pm.**

Gibson Craig Hall

Tickets—£4, available from Kirk or Kirk Office
(children free).

Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church

Statement for Congregations: October 2024

As Interim Moderators, we are delighted that the locums, Rev Susan Galloway (Currie Kirk) and Rev Derek Munn (Balerno) are now in place, and we are sure the congregations are enjoying their respective ministries.

Discussions with Presbytery and within the Kirk Sessions are continuing. It has been acknowledged that, for a variety of reasons, both congregations would benefit from a little bit of building up before going forward into a full Union. The Presbytery is well aware of the future potential of Currie and Balerno and would like to make that Union as strong as possible. As was mentioned in the previous statement, it is thought that a temporary period of linking would help that process by allowing each congregation to move to a stronger place.

In addition, Presbytery hope to deploy the resources of the National Church by appointing an Interim Minister who would serve both congregations during that period of linking. Interim Ministers are experienced ministers with specialist training who are appointed, for a short period, to lead congregations to specific outcomes. In the case of Currie and Balerno, that would be to bring the two congregations and the two Kirk Sessions, which have quite different ways of working, together effectively. There are still agreements to be reached with the National Church, but we are hopeful that will happen shortly and the timetable for the process is set out below.

The Basis of Linking will appear on the Church websites once finalised. Copies will be made available on request.

Meantime, all the very excellent work on the Basis of Union which was carried out by the Water of Leith steering group will not be lost, as Union between the two congregations remains the overall goal, hopefully within a couple of years.

We are grateful to Presbytery for their care for the congregations as we move forward together.

Rev. Dr Anne Logan, Interim Moderator, Currie Kirk

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Rev. Douglas Nicol, Interim Moderator, Balerno Parish Church

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Important Dates:

Tuesday 8th October, 7pm Gibson Craig Halls: Joint Kirk Session meeting to consider Basis of Linking: Kirk Sessions separately vote on Basis of Linking and Interim Ministry.

Sunday 13th October: Congregational Meetings at close of Worship to vote on Basis of Linking.

Thursday 17th October, 7pm Gibson Craig Halls: Presentation to both congregations on Interim Ministry. Congregations then vote separately on Interim Ministry.



The Currie Kirk Guild

The Guild started up again on Tuesday 3rd September. We had a great turnout for our first meeting and enjoyed scones with our tea and coffee. Rev Dr Anne Logan gave an extremely interesting talk on “Breaking the Stained Glass Ceiling” which followed the hurdles that women have had to overcome in order to be accepted into the Ministry, to become Elders and eventually Moderators of the Church of Scotland. A long but very worthwhile journey.

Over the next few weeks we will be having speakers on “The Vine Trust”, “Operation Unicorn”, “Down Memory Lane”, “The Shetland Bus”, and “Tiphereth”. There is also our Coffee Morning on Saturday 26 October.

Sadly one of our members, Sally Nicholson, passed away quite recently. However, we take comfort in the fact that she is now at peace.

We are always looking for new members—both women and men. Please consider joining us. You will be made very welcome. For further information contact myself on 466-3472 or elf.lamont@blueyonder.co.uk

Louise Lamont
Currie Kirk Guild Co-ordinator



Guild Coffee Morning
Saturday 26 October: 10—12 Noon
Gibson Craig Hall
(in aid of Guild Project)



Home Baking



Poppy Display and Garden of Remembrance

There will be a display of hand-crafted poppies at the Gibson Craig Hall, Lanark Road West, Currie, in line with the period of National Remembrance in November—all knitters/crocheters please contribute if you can (speak with anyone on the MOF Team).

The Memorial Boards in Currie Kirk commemorate those with association to the parishes of Juniper Green, Currie and Balerno who gave their lives during World War 1, World War 2 and more recently.

We will create our own Garden of Remembrance around the War Memorial at Currie Kirk and pay tribute to those who did not return to their families and friends. In addition, there will be a written piece, documenting as many of the names as possible.

If anyone has information about any of the names listed on the Memorial Boards please speak with John McAulay or Diane Brown or any of the MOF Team.

The inscription on our War Memorial reads:

“To the Glorious Dead whose names are inscribed in the various Churches within this Parish”



Important Dates for Currie Kirk members:

Sunday 13th October: Congregational meeting at close of Worship to vote on Basis of Union.

Thursday 17th October, 7pm, Gibson Craig Halls: Presentation to both congregations (Currie Kirk and Balerno Parish Church) on Interim Ministry. Congregations will then vote separately on Interim Ministry.

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Kirk News: If you've picked up this Kirk News and would like your own copy delivered please contact Nina in the Kirk Office to have your name and address added to the delivery list. If there are any changes in addresses, please contact the Kirk office—admin@curriekirk.co.uk. Thanks to Jean Dick who has looked after the delivery list until now.



65th Edinburgh Company

(Registered Charity No. SCO34640)

The 65th have restarted and once again entered the National Chess Competition. We lost a very close quarter final last year so some early practice to try and go at least one better this Session.

Bill Brown (Captain)



Coffee Stop! @ The Kirk

A BIG thank you to all who came along and enjoyed meeting friends and making new ones at the Kirk on Saturday afternoons. Our total this Summer has reached almost £1400. An extra Thank You goes to Ruth who very kindly made meringues every week—You're a star!

We'll be back next year.



Shoebox Appeal—Reminder!! Last day 15 October 2024

Rather than asking for completed boxes this year we're suggesting a different item each month—it may seem a little easier putting an extra item in the shopping basket. In 2024 our suggestion is for the following items to be handed in each month:

October: Sweets (not chocolates)

Please remember it all needs to fit into a shoebox so small is good!

These can be left in the Kirk on a Sunday or dropped off at the Gibson Craig Hall.

**Christmas Fayre
Saturday 30 November 2024**

1—4 pm

**Gibson Craig Halls
Save the Day!**



A fantastic fun afternoon with stalls for craft, gifts etc and also the very important children's activities and the Tinsel Tearoom.

ALL WELCOME

A LUCKY DIP £ STALL AND BOTTLE TOMBOLA (EG WINE, SHAMPOO , FRUIT JUICE ETC)

DONATIONS FOR THESE STALLS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

Please hand into Gibson Craig Hall or get in touch with any member of MOF



Fun for all the Family!

The Kirk Walking Group

Walks take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month, leaving after the service.

We would love to welcome new walkers. We never go over 4 miles and try always to have a coffee stop at the end of the walk (sometimes a picnic in the summer months!)

For more information please contact Moira McDonald (07853 228751)



Jubilee Tree

The Kirk's lovely tree is full of Autumnal colour

Transport Fund

Are you a previous user of the minibus? Do you have difficulty getting to church due to mobility issues or lack of transport? Then the transport fund is for you.



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When the minibus was sold and the charity wound up, a great deal of money was released part of which was given to Currie Kirk to set up a Transport Fund. Please make use of the fund. The money is there to assist you. All that is required is a receipt from the driver which you can hand to any Elder on duty and the money will be refunded to you. For journeys home from church just bring the receipt the following week or whenever you are next in church. You can also use it if you have difficulty getting to and from the Guild. Again just obtain a receipt and hand it to a committee member. Church postcode is EH14 6AL.

Community Activities

The Gibson Craig Hall is available to hire. The Booking Co-ordinator is Viola MacPhail

Contact Details: gibsoncraigbooking@gmail.com
Tel: 07806 806920

	Contact name	Tel/email	Day
Currie and District Local History Society	Douglas Lowe	douglaslowe51@btinternet.com	Monday 7.30—9 pm twice monthly, October to March.
Currie Community Council		curriecouncil@gmail.com	2nd Wed of the month 7.30—9 pm, except July & December.
Currie Creatives (Music)	Shona Moyes	07752 459203	Tuesday 6.30—8.30 pm.
Parent and Toddler Group	Margaret Milton	Margaret0205@hotmail.co.uk 07743 067588	Friday 9.30 am—11.30 am (term time only).
Octagon Club	Claire Maloney	07999 410721	Wednesday 7.00 —9.00 pm, September to June.
Pentland Ladies Probus	Marion Wallace	wmkwallace@aol.com	4th Tuesday of month, 10am—12, from Sept to May.
Pilates	Ellen Foster	07983 863143	Saturday 10.30—11.30 am
Steady Steps	By referral		Thursday 9.30—11.00 am and 2.30—4.00 pm
Zumba Exercise Class	Tom Lowe	tomlowe69@hotmail.co.uk	Thursday 10.15 —11.15 am.

Coffee and Conversation

Currie Library every Friday from 11 am



The Meeting Place

The meeting place is held every Monday for the over 65's and their carers, in the Scout Hall Forth View Crescent, Currie, from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Lunch is served for a modest £5.00.

Our main focus is offering a place to all our residents looking for companionship in a safe friendly environment where they can enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

For more information phone 07711 046014 or just call in.

Family News

Welcome:

We welcome two new members this month.

Obituary: *Jesus said "I am the Resurrection and the Life"
(John 11:25)*

Sally Nicholson, Currie



Please pray for the families



Congratulations to Currie Kirk's Centenarian, Helen, pictured with her family cutting the cake with the birthday card received from the King and Queen.

100 years exactly from baby Cole Rennie who made his debut on Helen's birthday.



October/November Flower List

October

- 6** Mrs J Blair
Mrs S Ramsay
Mrs A Wood
- 13** Mr A Forsyth
- 20** Flower Fund Donations
- 27** Mrs M McDonald
Mrs J Smith
Mrs I Blyth
Mrs M Thomson



November

- 3** Mrs D Brown
The Crawford Family
- 10** Mrs V MacPhail
Mrs M Preston
- 17** Mrs J Dick
Mr & Mrs Goudie
- 24** Mrs D Collins

The flowers are enjoyed and appreciated by so many. Thank you to those who have donated. If you wish to dedicate flowers on a particular Sunday please get in touch with Isobel Webber or the office admin@curriekirk.co.uk

